

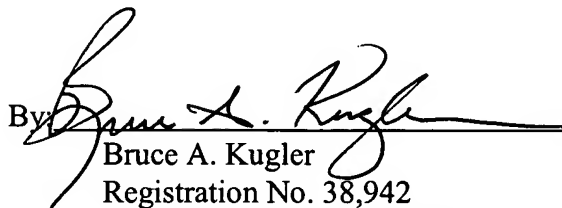
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-12 and 18-24 are currently pending, and have been rejected pursuant to 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,785,198 to Credle ("Credle"). Claims 13-17 have been withdrawn from consideration and have been cancelled. The Applicant's attorney would like to thank Examiner Ngo for an opportunity to discuss the Applicant's invention with respect to the Credle reference on September 26, 2005. Based on that interview, independent claims 1 and 18 have been amended as provided herein. Accordingly, all pending claims are now believed in a condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due are respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

If there should be any other questions regarding the pending claims, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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